To the READER.

THE Hope of acquiring lasting FAME, is, with many Authors, a most powerful Motive to Writing. Some, tho' few, have succeeded; and others, tho' perhaps fewer, may succeed hereafter, and be as well known to Posterity by their Works, as the Antients are to us. We *Philomaths*, as ambitious of Fame as any other Writers whatever, after all our painful Watchings and laborious Calculations, have the constant Mortification to see our Works thrown by at the End of the Year, and treated as mere waste Paper. Our only Consolation is, that short-lived as they are, they out-live those of most of our Cotemporaries.

Yet, condemned to renew the *Sisyphean* Toil, we every Year heave another heavy Mass up the Muses Hill, which never can the Summit reach, and soon comes tumbling down again.

This, kind Reader, is my seventeenth Labour of the Kind. Thro' thy continued Good-will, they have procur'd me, if no *Bays*, at least *Pence*; and the latter is perhaps the better of the two; since 'tis not improbable that a Man may receive more solid Satisfaction from *Pudding*, while he is *living*, than from *Praise*, after he is *dead*.

In my last, a few Faults escap'd; some belong to the Author, but most to the Printer: Let each take his Share of the Blame, confess, and amend for the future. In the second Page of *August*, I mention'd 120 as the next perfect Number to 28; it was wrong, 120 being no perfect Number; the next to 28 I find to be 496. The first is 6; let the curious Reader, fond of mathematical Questions, find the fourth. In the 2d Page of *March*, in some Copies, the Earth's Circumference was said to be nigh 4000, instead of 24000 Miles, the Figure 2 being omitted at the Beginning. This was Mr. Printer's Fault; who being also somewhat niggardly of his Vowels, as well as profuse of his Consonants, put in one Place, among the Poetry, *mad*, instead of *made*, and in another *wrapp'd*, instead of *warp'd*; to the utter demolishing of all Sense in those Lines, leaving nothing standing but the Rhime. These, and some others, of the like kind, let the Readers forgive, or rebuke him for, as to their Wisdom and Goodness shall seem meet: For in such Cases the Loss and Damage is chiefly to the Reader, who, if he does not take my Sense at first Reading, 'tis odds he never gets it; for ten to one he does not read my Works a second Time.

Printers indeed should be very careful how they omit a Figure or a Letter: For by such Means sometimes a terrible Alteration is made in the Sense. I have heard, that once, in a new Edition of the *Common Prayer*, the following Sentence, *We shall all be changed in a Moment, in the Twinkling of an Eye*; by the Omission of a single Letter, became, *We shall all be hanged in a Moment*, &c. to the no small Surprize of the first Congregation it was read to.

May this Year prove a happy One to Thee and Thine, is the hearty Wish of, Kind Reader,

Thy obliged Friend,

R. SAUNDERS.

The Number of People in *New-Jersey*, taken by Order of Government in 1737-8.

Counties.	Males above 16.	Females above 16.	Males under 16.	Females under 16.	Slaves, Males,	Slaves, Females	Total of Whites,	Total of Slaves,
Middlesex,	1134	1085	1086	956	272	231	4261	503
Essex,	1118	1720	1619	1494	198	177	6644	375
Bergen,	939	822	820	708	413	363	3289	806
Somerset,	967	940	999	867	425	307	3773	732
Monmouth,	1508	1339	1289	1293	362	293	5431	655
Burlington,	1487	1222	119[illegible]	99[illegible]	192	151	4895	343
Gloucester,	930	757	782	676	74	48	3145	122
Salem,	1669	1391	1313	1327	97	87	5700	184
Cape-May,	261	219	271	211	21	21	962	42
Hunterdon,	1618	1230	1270	1170	124	95	5288	219
Totals,	11631	10725	10639	9700	2208	1773	43388	3981

Numb. of Ditto, taken in 1745, by Order of Gov. MORRIS.

Morris,	1109	957	1190	1087	57	36	4343	93
Hunterdon,	2302	2117	2182	2090	244	216	8691	460
Burlington,	1786	1605	1528	1454	233	197	6373	430
Gloucester,	913	797	786	808	121	81	3304	202
Salem,	1716	1603	1746	1595	90	97	6660	187
Cape-May,	306	272	284	274	30	22	1136	52
Bergen,	721	590	494	585	379	237	2390	616
Essex,	1694	1649	1652	1548	244	201	6543	445
Middlesex,	1728	1659	1651	1695	483	396	6733	879
Monmouth,	2071	1783	1975	1899	513	386	7728	899
Somerset,	740	672	765	719	194	149	2896	343
Totals.	15080	13704	14253	13754	2588	2018	56797	4606

Note, That *Morris* and *Hunterdon* Counties, were both in one, under the Name of *Hunterdon*, in 1737-8. In 1745, the Number of the People called *Quakers* in *New-Jersey*, was found to be 6079; no distinct Account was taken of them in 1737-8. Total of Souls in 1737, 47369; Ditto in 1745, 61403; Increase 14034. *Query*, At this Rate of Increase, in what Number of Years will that Province double its Inhabitants?

Buried in the several Burying Grounds of PHILADELPHIA, belonging to the

In the Years	Church of England,	Church	Swedish	Presbyterians,	Baptist Meeting,	Quaker Meeting,	Strangers,	Negroes,
1738	113	24	29	15	46	269		54
1739	109	16	18	7	56	97		47
1740	105	8	22	12	29	80		34
1741	165	30	41	20	120	300		69
1742	126	35	21	9	70	98		50
1743	117		19	21	68	150		50
1744	123	16	29	14	81	100		47
	858	129	179	98	470	1094		351

Note, No Account of Burials in the *Swedish* Ground, was taken in the Year 1743. and those Germans buried in the new *Dutch* Burying Ground, are numbered among the Strangers, who were chiefly *Palatines*: The Mortality among them is not owing to any Unhealthiness of this Climate, but to Diseases they contract on Shipboard, the Voyage sometimes happening to be long, and too great